



Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

May 23, 2011

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

The Mobile Area Education Foundation has served as an advocate and activist for public schools in the Mobile community for the last ten years. Over those years we have seen a drastic change in the way technology impacts our students.

Students now have access to the internet, and all the information it brings, in their schools. Unfortunately, many do not have the same access at home. While we have made great progress in getting broadband accessibility, there is still much work to be done.

That is why I am writing in support of the AT&T acquisition of T-Mobile. This acquisition will bring improved mobile broadband access to many communities, especially rural communities, in Alabama. That means more access to educational materials for our students. That means more ability for students to enrich their educational experience at home. And that means better educational outcomes for student who can take advantage of the latest technologies.

I truly believe the results of the deal could greatly benefit student s in Alabama and across America and ask you to quickly approve the pending transaction. Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeremiah Newell".

Jeremiah Newell, Director
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